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HE MUST BE BLIND.

The organ grinder is beginning to get on the right time. In his last issue he (or somebody) says: "If there is a ring that is detrimental to the best interests of the county, the way to stop it is not in moving the county seat, but in defeating the individual. The Record has no evidence of any ring."

Well, if the organ grinder has no evidence of any ring, he stands alone in Scott county. He must be blind and without the power of reasoning.

Where was the ballot job pulled off? Was it done in open court where all could see and hear, or was it arranged in Marsh Arnold's office behind closed doors?

Why did the court pay you \$375 of the people's money for work that others offered to do for \$90 if there is no ring? Say, Hubby, did you have to "divvy up"?

This fall the presidential ticket is to be added. What will be your demand this trip?

Why did the county court make a private deal with you, during the absence of Judge Anderson, and award the county printing to you, when the law says it must advertise for bids and let the work to the best interests of the taxpayers?

If there is no ring, why is it that the county's money always finds its way into the bank in which the lawyers and officials are chiefly interested?

Why was it that R. A. Kingsbury could build a fence said to be ten feet in the street, where a fence had NEVER STOOD, while about the same time I was arrested and fined ten dollars by a drunken mayor for building a fence said to be three feet in the street where a fence HAD STOOD for fifty years, if there is no ring?

If there is not a "community of interests" why is it that Albert DeBelan is the only man in the county who appears to be competent to superintend important county work—such as digging wells, building courthouse additions, etc?

How could the organ exist if it were not for the crumbs that fall from the ring's pie counter?

But the organ grinder (or someone) says he has no evidence of any ring. It must be said for him to get evidence—when he doesn't want it—as it is for our prosecuting attorney.

The gold brick operators who manage the World's Fair announced last Monday as New Madrid Day. About 200 distinguished gentlemen from that ancient village went up to do honor to the occasion and he snubbed over something on the order of the arrival of a Prince Henry or an up-to-date Chinaman. But, snubbed! Instead of champagne and imported booze they just took lager beer and straight whiskey—and paid for it just like the common herd. It was with much difficulty that they even got the newspaper men to understand that they were from New Madrid.

Bentonites seem well pleased with Rev. Dennis and have contributed liberally toward building for him a parsonage. A member of the executive committee of the gambling squad and bar association is reported as saying that he liked Rev. Dennis "because he ain't always pokin' his nose around in other people's business." A minister who isn't "pokin' his nose around in other people's business" is as necessary to the peace and happiness of the village as a prosecuting attorney and a sheriff who "can't get any evidence."

In what shape would Sam Cook have the state constitution if he held office for another term? At every session of the legislature he sees to it that a half-dozen or more amendments are added for no other purpose than to feed his poodle press. During a century and a quarter only fifteen amendments have been added to the national constitution. Sam Cook added eight amendments at the last election and will add six more this fall. Great is Sam Boodler Cook!

In his last issue the organ-grinder apologizes for having jumbled up an article prepared at the court house entitled, "Facts About Benton." The organ put it "flowing well" instead of "flowing well" and "St. George's Bayou" for St. John's. But those lawyers do write an awful hand. If the organ-grinder is not careful he is liable to mistake some of their "copy" for a Chinese laundry ticket.

The Democrats will open their state campaign at Springfield on September 1. It is announced that Senator Billstone will not take part in the affair. It is to be hoped he will not. The less Billstone has to do with the Democratic campaign in Missouri the better for the Democrats who believe in Democratic principles.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

Reed's show was here Monday and left a trail of immorality that too often follows a show. Three of the men with women represented themselves as "man and wife" and got rooms among the neighbors. Two of the women were natives of the county and one was a visitor from St. Louis. They appear to be about twenty years old. They were arrested at the depot and brought to the court house, where they were highly entertained by local talent. Helen Gould would have shrunk into insignificance as an attraction. One of the men was also arrested and he and his associate pleaded guilty and were fined \$5. The woman (or someone) paid her fine and the man was locked up. No charges were preferred against the others.

Licensed to wed: Wm. H. Chapman and Mary Baker; Wm. A. Muebach and Mrs. Bertha Sprenger; Arthur P. Robertson and Mrs. Sonna R. Vicerott; Saml. E. Jones and Kate Benn; Louis Halter and Maggie Lett; Bolt, Pate and Rellie Lavalley took in Emil Strubenschuch and Bertha Metz; Joe. H. Mirgoux and Alice Rosenburg; Lee F. Brown and Ollie Jordan; Wm. H. Stovall and Mrs. Madinda Luman.

At last the well crew have drilled through the hard rock and are now in sandstone. They say that if they do not strike artesian water when they get through the sandstone there is no hope. When asked if they had any idea of the depth of the sandstone, they replied that at the Cape it was about 100 feet.

J. N. Wolsey, formerly of Benton and now of Cape Girardeau, was here visiting friends Sunday. Joe is looking well and seems to be enjoying life. He is engaged in the drug business and is on the road to become one of the successful business men of Southeast Missouri.

John Polst, Ernest Prindle and T. F. Blocker of Bleda were here Tuesday. They say that Frank Grogan has sold his mercantile business to a Mr. Stevens and will return to the farm. Thursday Frank Anshelm was here.

Mrs. Wm. Ristig requests that the public be notified that first-class women meals can be had at her place next door to the Benton bank.

The Methodist parsonage is well under way and will soon be ready for occupancy. Work is also progressing on the new school building.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Play desire to thank the friends who ministered to them so kindly during the illness and death of their infant.

Martin Scherer says he bought a 4-year-old mule for \$40, worked him for five years and sold him recently for \$118.75.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Moore of Commerce township spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins.

Dr. Bagwell of Diehlstadt visited Dr. Freeling Tuesday. He says that Dr. Freeling is improving and will get well.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Carpenter of Hickman, Ky., spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Miller.

Squire Kjer was in Benton Saturday. He has been appointed notary public by the governor.

A St. Louis dentist advertises, "has given free." That fellow must be a retired lawyer.

The way Kicker subscribers have been paying up is extremely gratifying. Keep it up!

The arches well had on Wednesday reached a depth of about 1,100 feet.

A. E. Welch and Thos. Martin of Diehlstadt were here Saturday.

Work has begun on the new residence of August Delozan, and there will be two erected by Chas. Moore and two by Mrs. Gussoway. Let the courthouse come on.

Painting and paper hanging is my specialty. Ask those for whom I have worked about my ability. If you need me, address M. G. Taubert, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The Sunday school convention here closed too soon, it seems. Quite a number came over from Benton to attend Monday evening and were much disappointed.

Mrs. J. O. Hess and niece, Miss Laura Rupp, Mrs. Geo. Schr and Mrs. Jim Spradlin went to St. Louis Saturday to visit friends and take in the fair.

Don't go hungry when in Benton. You can get a square meal at Mrs. Wm. Ristig's next door to the bank building.

Emil Strubenschuch and Miss Bertha Metz were married at the Catholic church Tuesday. Rev. Helmacher officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Myers and daughter, Miss Leah, boarded the train here Monday for a visit to the fair.

The ice cream supper given at the opera house last Saturday by the Epworth League was quite a success. Sixteen was well represented at the non-denominational convention held here Monday.

Wm. Race is working at Morehouse and will move his family there in the near future.

Mrs. J. W. Hobbs was in town a few hours Sunday en route to White Springs.

Miss Bess Moore left Monday for a visit to her sister, Miss Frank, in St. Louis.

Henry Query and wife left Monday for Little Rock, Ark., to visit relatives.

Mrs. Cardwell royally entertained the Baptist Aid Society Friday.

Dennis Strubenschuch of Cape Girardeau is visiting here.

Mrs. Wm. Rash left for a visit to relatives in Illinois.

Rev. Helmacher returned from St. Louis Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ringo have returned home.

W. H. Lee of Dutchtown is here visiting friends.

FROM KELSO.

Fritz Sanvon, with his family and personal effects, passed through here Monday evening on his way to his future home at Burfordville. Joe Glaster and family will leave for Arkansas this week, and Mike Hagan and family will move to the Cape as soon as he can secure a suitable house there. We regret to lose such good citizens.

Chas. Gregory, assistant sawyer at the Lehning mill, had three fingers amputated by Dr. Williams during the first of the week. While sawing he placed the back of his hand against the saw so it was getting too hot. His foot slipped and his hand was so badly burned that amputation was necessary.

While returning home from work Monday evening, Adam, son of Alois Felter, was thrown from a mule against a barbed wire fence and painfully cut.

Sister Salastia of Chicago, sister to Mrs. John I. Diebold, and Sister Consaga, daughter of Uncle Mike Dirnberger, are in the county visiting.

George Keener of Santa Fe, Ill., has bought five lots at Anceil, and Charley Messmer is erecting a dwelling for him.

Joe Mirgoux and Miss Alice Rosenburg were married by Father Klein Tuesday. They left for Bernie on Wednesday.

Don't fail to attend the great sacrifice sale now going on at C. Banks' Bargain Store, Dran.

Kelso and Edna played ball Sunday, the game resulting in a score of 7 to 15 in favor of Edna.

John Lipp has moved to the Ford Street dwelling and is general hustler for Drury & Co.

Miss Ma Dancy, who has been quite sick, is on the mend—she is also John Rabel of Elia.

J. C. Drury was at the Cape Monday, and Henry Schmette of Edna was here.

The Arkansas delegation returned Sunday. Thos. G. Bolk bought 80 acres.

Andrew Wilhelm of near Blodgett was here after seed wheat Monday.

Quite a number of us attended the picnic at Hamburg Wednesday.

The dance at Wm. Dancy's Monday night was well attended.

Miss Pauline Dancy has invested in six lots in Anceil.

Cashier Lee Albert has returned from the fair.

Mrs. Chas. Robert of Cape visited here Monday.

Laurel Bros. have put in new bar fixtures.

Mrs. Dora Thomas is visiting her parents.

Josee Hipes is now a citizen of Kelso.

FROM EDNA.

The Cotton Belt paid for services on the yards here for the month of July about \$2000, and for the sake of convenience it was arranged to cash all the checks here.

J. N. Patterson and Ed. Keen of Malden, Jim High of Commerce and Fred Leavel of Kelso are all doing house-painting and paper-hanging here this week.

Hy Schmette's storm-wrecked building has been cleared away, and the work of rebuilding another at the same place was begun this week.

Mrs. J. W. Baughn of Tyler is here to spend a few weeks with her husband, who is superintending the construction of the coal chute.

Mrs. Mollie Proffor sold her house and lot to Mrs. Geo. Oster and bought the lots that Mrs. Oster had formerly bargained for.

Hy Schmette and Butcher Ziegler have bought a modern stock and wagon scale, which will be ready for use in a few days.

Jones & Turner have enlarged their store building and now carry a very complete line of groceries, shoes and dry goods.

Kelso and Edna base ball teams crossed bats here Sunday afternoon, the score being 21 to 7 in favor of Edna.

Miss Bertie Miller, who has been in Luxora, Ark., the last six months, has returned to stay awhile.

J. Ulrich of Houck spent a few days here this week the guest of Chas. Knop.

J. W. Alexander and M. F. Hones joined the ranks of Kicker readers this week.

Mrs. Flora Rabel was quite sick during the week, but is slowly recovering.

Judge Albrecht and Caspar Roth of Elmo ventured over here Monday.

FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.

John D. Utrich was down visiting his pupils Sunday. It is nice and proper for teachers to love their pupils.

Wm. and Frank Mackley and several other young folks were over at Jno. Huffstutler's Sunday evening.

Jno. Huffstutler and Jim Collins went to Cairo Thursday, but couldn't see the town for the houses.

Mrs. Pike and family of near Charleston visited John Sheldner and family Sunday.

John Mackley and Charley Strait were out at church Sunday night.

Mrs. Tom Huxey and daughter visited here Monday.

Mrs. Collins has got a new organ.

FROM VANDUSER.

Saturday night while Sam Parker was bringing in a load of melons his little girl fell from the wagon and a wheel ran over her, hurting her badly, but it is thought she will recover.

A. H. Phillips went to the Cape on Tuesday on business and lost his pocketbook containing between \$5 and \$6. Fidler will greatly oblige by returning it to him.

Rev. Howie filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday and is now holding a protracted meeting.

Little Bryan, the four-year-old son of L. P. Woodward, ran a nail in his foot Saturday and can hardly get around.

Tom Chaney and John Gibbs and families and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Phillips Sunday with Mrs. Jim Wallace.

Ed Schatz came in from L. P. Woodward's camp Saturday, and has not been able to return since.

Mr. and Mrs. Strader of St. Louis are visiting their son Albert, our telegraph operator.

There was a big barbecue here on Wednesday. I think they could have put it off a while.

Elmer King of near Blodgett is cutting logs for W. A. Hamilton.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dave Callon, a big girl.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Louis Burger will dispose of his personal property at public sale on Saturday and will move with his family to Arkansas during the coming month. We regret to lose such people but—like the cat—they'll come back.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dolozno of near Bleda died Wednesday morning. The father was out of the county and an effort was made to reach him by wire.

For sale—a lot of good clover and timothy hay. Also beef cattle and some good milk stock. Apply to K. Miescherhoff, New Hamburg.

The event of the week was the picnic Wednesday. The crowd was enormous and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mrs. L. D. Busher and Nick Scherer's little girl have been on the sick list.

Mrs. Mike Logrand is quite sick at Mother Gosh's.

Recent rains has delayed brick making.

Geo. Korn was in Benton Thursday.

FROM COMMERCE.

R. B. Henchen and wife, Albert Sullinger and wife, Ollie Dally and wife, John Goodin and wife, Mrs. A. A. Lynch, Mrs. A. C. Raskberry, Mrs. L. A. Reynolds and children, Lily Torbert, Wm. H. Daugherty, are all visiting the fair this week.

M. G. Taubert, the Cape Girardeau painter and paper hanger, is doing much work in the county and wants you to notify him if you need his services.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dally died Wednesday night and was buried at the Oak Grove cemetery Thursday.

John Goodin and family of Siloson are here visiting Mrs. A. A. Lynch.

Pearl Harris and Loren Tomlinson were in town Thursday night.

Reese Allen and Dave Harper of Benton were in town Tuesday.

Miss Ella Hughes departed for her home in St. Louis Saturday.

Dr. Haw of Farmington was in town a few days last week.

Dr. J. D. Porterfield of Cape spent a few days in town.

Mrs. Ollie Lackey went to the Cape Tuesday.

FROM CROWDER.

Miss Katie Spann passed through here Monday en route to Essex, where she will make her future home.

G. B. Eaton was called to East Prairie last Thursday. His brother-in-law having got shot.

P. E. Marshall and wife are the proud parents of a little daughter.

Mrs. Morris is here, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Luther Palmer.

Mrs. Chas. Eaton is the guest of friends in Blodgett this week.

Monroe (Gip) of Carterville, Ill., is the guest of friends here.

Francis Norman of Bell City is visiting his brother here.

John N. Sparks is at the World's Fair this week.

Dr. Moulder is all smiles. It's a boy. Take a cigar.

Mrs. Boyett is able to be up.

FROM MORLEY.

John Duke and sister of Clarksville, Tenn., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fizer this week.

Mrs. L. Daugherty and daughter Vera of Morehouse are visiting relatives here this week.

D. Sears of Vanduser was up Sunday visiting his sister, Mrs. J. B. Shobe.

Miss Sallie McMillin of St. Louis is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tony Layton.

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Dry-goods, Clothing, Shoes, Notions, Groceries,
which we will sell at the lowest price.
CALL TO SEE US.
Jones & Turner, Edna.

FROM CLAYPOOL.
We are glad to have so good a farmer and neighbor as W. H. Taylor among us.
Mr. Raglan has bought a new buggy and something is going to happen.
School will begin Sept. 5, with Miss Julia Newton as teacher.
Mrs. Nelly Barnes is visiting her mother in Kentucky.
There was a horse sale at Blodgett last Saturday.
PUBLIC SALE.
I will sell, at the Julia Schott farm on the New Hamburg and Coney Station road, on
SATURDAY, SEPT. 3, 1904.
Two mules, two horses, 10 head of cattle, 30 head of hogs, binder, mower, 2 barrows, hayrack, wagon, 2 buggies, a lot of 1 and 2-horse plows, cider mill and household and kitchen furniture.
Terms: Sums of \$5 and under, cash; over \$5, a credit of six months will be given, purchaser giving 6 per cent note with approved security. No interest will be charged if promptly paid at maturity.
Mrs. JOHN SCHOTT.
FOR SALE—At my place on Hunter Lake, 2 1/2 miles south of Morley, choice cabbage at 75c per hundred pounds in the patch.
Port Sharp and wife have moved to Elia.
FROM MACEDONIA.
There will be an ice cream supper at the church Saturday night for the benefit of the church. Come!
We have plenty of ripe peaches in the hills. Each cobbler is better than trust-packed meat.
Bro. Boutwell preached two fine sermons here Sunday to interested audiences.
Mrs. Cora Brown of Grayboro is visiting relatives here this week.
It is said there is a shortage of clover seed around here.
R. L. Buck of Blodgett was here Sunday.
Port Sharp and wife have moved to Elia.
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